

Minutes of November Meeting of Allentown EAC

A meeting of the Allentown EAC was held on November 10, 2014 starting at 5:15 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room at City Hall.

EAC Members Present: Rich Niesenbaum, Carolyn Albright, and Tinku Khanwalkar

Non-EAC Members Present: Lee Vedder

Old Business

- Carolyn Albright moved for approval of the October minutes and the By-laws (as circulated to EAC members on November 5, 2014) , Rich Niesenbaum seconded and the motion carried.
- Tinku Khanwalkar moved to approve the Annual Report of the EAC's 2014 activities prepared by Rich Niesenbaum, to be filed in substantially in the form presented at the meeting. Carolyn seconded and the motion was carried.
- There was a discussion about potential green initiatives for the EAC to undertake in 2015. Tinku Khanwalkar clarified that each EAC member is to bring to the December meeting up to three possible green initiatives for consideration. The EAC will then select no more than three initiatives from all the initiatives presented at the December meeting. Rich Niesenbaum suggested that an email be sent to all EAC members clarifying this and explaining that each EAC member present their suggested initiatives with a short explanation of the initiative, where it has been successfully implemented in the past, and why it is likely to be successful in Allentown. The following potential green initiatives and presenters were discussed:
 - Ordinance addressing plastic bags/styrofoam litter (Carolyn Albright)
 - Action on bird strikes (Scott Burnet?)
 - Native Plants (Tinku Khanwalkar)
 - Community Gardens/Local food production (Rich Niesenbaum)

There was further discussion about partnering with the Bethlehem EAC. Rich Niesenbaum agreed to look into it.

Tinku Khanwalkar moved that each EAC member should attend meetings of one or more neighborhood associations in the City of Allentown to find ways for the EAC to partner with them on environmental matters. Rich seconded and the motion carried.

There was no new business and the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:30 p.m.